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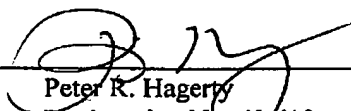
**REMARKS**

Claims 1-28 remain pending in the present application. Claims 1 and 28 have been amended in the manner suggested by the Examiner. No new matter has been entered.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any required fee or fee deficiency under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17 in connection with this communication to our Deposit Account No. 06-1130.

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